WORDS FOR EDIFICATION.

FACETIOUS.

"Mr. D., if you'll get my coat done by Saturday, I shall be forever indebted to you." "If that's your game it won't be done," said the tailor.—*Boston Star.*

A Philadelphia youth who is learning to play the cornet cannot understand why people who shoot at cats will be so careless. Half a dozen stray bullets have already come through his window.

While in Cincinnati Oscar Wilde should have stopped in a first-class jewelry store and purchased an esthetic scarf-pin—a gold pig with diamond eyes—the emblem of pork, music and culture.—*Norristown Herald.*

"Student" wants to know "what kind of a bird was the dodo?" From the fact that the species is entirely extinct, we suppose it was the fabled Spring chicken, of which we still hear so often and see so never.—*Hawkeye.*

The deacon's wife wanted to jot down the text, and leaning over to her scapegrace nephew she whispered: "Have you cards about you?" "You can't play in church," was his solemn reproving answer, and the good woman got so flustered she forgot all about the text.

Mrs. A.—"We had a beautiful sermon this morning, didn't we?" Mrs. B.—"Beautiful, and did you notice Mrs. Smithson's bonnet?" Mrs. A.—"Notice it? Well, I should say I did. I couldn't keep my mind off it the whole service." Mrs. B.—"Nor I, neither."—*Boston Transcript.*

A New York judge has ruled that if a marriage does not take place within a year after the proposal, the engagement is not obligatory. A wise decision. One year is long enough to burn the old man's coal and gas after "popping." The Judge evidently has a couple of "engaged" daughters.—*Exchange.*

The present Paris fashion of carrying canes is to "hold the stick in the middle stiffly, with the elbows at an angle." Some day it may be fashionable in Paris to wear brains, and then those fellows who introduced the cane-holding fashion, as well as its followers, will be badly left. It will be a fashion they are unable to adopt, for obvious reasons.—*Norristown Herald.*

It is said that this year's graduates at West Point are better waltzers than those of some years past. This speaks well for their instructors; but when these graduates get out on the plains, the Indians will make them waltz around with so much enthusiasm and celerity that they will come to the conclusion that their Terpsichorean education at Uncle Sam's military school sadly lacked thoroughness.—*Norristown Herald.*

"I say, mammy! didn't yo' tell Peleg dat he mustn't go in bavin?" "Yo' right I did, chile! Has yo' been dis'beyin' any 'structions, Peleg?" "No, mammy, I hasn't! I 'clare to goodness I hasn't been in bavin. Yo' see I put on Uncle Josh's britches by mistake der smornin', an' dere were sich a heap o' looseness to 'em dat when I un'ertook ter jump ober de brook der dropped off an' I hatter guin arter 'em. Oh, no, I hasn't been bavin, mammy!"—*Rome Sentinel.*

"Look heah, boss, I wants de law on Miss Matilda Snowball," said Jim Webster, as he entered the office of Justice Gregg, and with his hooked finger dashed beads of perspiration as large as pecans from his brow. "What did she do?" "She am de lady who bust two holes in my banjo." "On purpose?" "Ob course she did. Ef she didn't mean to bust dem two holes in de banjo, what for did she hold up her two sharp pinted elbows when I tried to bang her ober her black cocoanut wid de banjo, fur gibbin' me sass?" In Texas, the justices' courts are crowded with colored litigants, and the foregoing is a fair sample of the causes that induce them to "take de law" on each other.—*Texas Siftings.*

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When out slips your little tongue so soft and pink?
When you flick your ears and your whiskers quiver so,
And you give an eager cry like a whisper low;
When your tail pats the rug so intent, and you seem
Just ready for a spring, tell me what do you dream?
O, I have a fairy-land I visit in my sleep,
Where the mice don't expect me and are playing bo-peep;
Down I pounce upon them, they are not so quick as I,
And I smile as I regale myself upon a mouse pie;
There are pantries where the pans of milk are brimming o'er,
Where I lap the rich cream and spill no drop upon the floor;
Loveliest custards, daintiest bits of fragrant cheese;
And I help myself without a word as often as I please.
Then I walk along the fences and I grandly wave my tail;
My whiskers are so fierce all the other cats turn pale;
When Pug and Towzer eye me, suspiciously, I know,
I give a spring upon them and off in fright they go.
And in my pretty fairy-land no cruel boys appear;
No walnut shells are on my paws, nor backward turned my ear.
And these are what my visions are, O little mistress sweet;
Sure any cat would need to smile asleep here at your feet.—AMANDA M. DOUGLAS in *"Our Little Ones and The Nursery" for August.*

JOCKO'S LETTER.

My brother once owned a funny little monkey. His name was Jocko. Like all monkeys, he was a great mimic.

One day my brother sat down at his desk to write a letter. Jocko jumped into a chair to watch him. His little forehead wrinkled up, and he scratched his head with his paw. As my brother folded the letter, and put it in the envelope, and stamped it, Jocko's funny face seemed to laugh all over. "I can do that as well as you," was what he would have said if he could. It was near post-time, and my brother hurried off with his letter, but forgot to shut his desk.

When he came back, there was the little monkey seated at the desk. A sheet of letter-paper was spread out before him, covered with the most comical scribbles you ever saw.

He found he couldn't hold the pen; so he had squeezed his little fingers into the inkstand, and you can see what funny writing it was.

He was just folding up the letter with his inky paws when my brother came in.

"O Jocko! you young rascal!" he said. But Jocko jumped down and was under the table-cover in a twinkling. My brother burst out laughing when he saw Jocko's letter.

That was a signal to the little culprit that his master wasn't very angry with him. So, holding up one corner of the table-cover with his paw, he ventured to peep out.

"Come here, old Jock, and tell me whom you have been writing to."

Then Jocko jumped upon his knee, and if monkeys only could talk, I think this is what he would have said: "I've been writing to my little brothers and sisters in South America; and now won't you please direct the letter and put on the stamp. Perhaps your handwriting would look better than mine for the outside."—From *"Our Little Ones and The Nursery" for August.*

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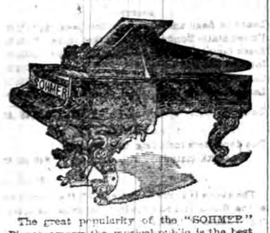

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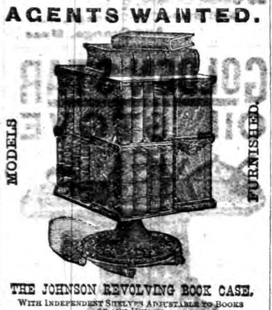

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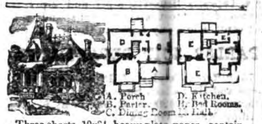

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